



“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”... *1John 4:9-10 (ESV)*

***The Christmas Story... ...Where do you fit in to it?***

Scripture: **1John 4:9-10**

*What is the Christmas Story all about?*

God \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ His Son, so that we could \_\_\_\_\_ !

***So that we can be “Born Again”! ...Nicodemus’ Awakening!***

Scripture: **John 3:1-21**

*How the Christmas Story changes everything in our lives!*

God \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ His Son, so that we could be \_\_\_\_\_ !

God \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ His Son, so that we could have a \_\_\_\_\_ !

***Our New Life! ...the Greatest Christmas Gift!***

Scripture: **Galatians 4:4-7**

*How the Christmas Story changes who we are!*

God \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ His Son, so that we could have a \_\_\_\_\_ !

God has \_\_\_\_\_ us, and has made us His \_\_\_\_\_ !

**From the Word**

*How do you fit into God's Christmas Story today? ...Consider the following examples we see in the original Christmas Story...and discuss with your Group how you can relate to them...*

**1) Joseph and Mary...** READ *Luke 1:26-38*, *Matthew 1:18-25*, and *Luke 2:1-7* together...

Joseph and Mary's response to our Lord was to **surrender** to God's will, and to **obey** God's instruction.

*How can I relate this to my own life?*

**2) The Shepherds...** READ *Luke 2:8-20* together...

The Shepherd's response to our Lord was to **share** the good news with others.

*How can I relate this to my own life?*

**3) Magi/Wise Men...** READ *Matthew 2:1-12* together...

The Magi's response to our Lord was to **worship** Him.

*How can I relate this to my own life?*

### **Plan of Action...**

**What did you learn from tonight's discussion that helps you find your place in God's Christmas Story today?** *Discuss your answer with your group...*

1. The Magi's response to our Lord was to *worship* Him... what steps can you and your family take to worship the Lord as an expression of true joy this Christmas season?

2. The Shepherd's response to our Lord was to *share* the good news with others... what steps can you and your family take to share this great joy with others during this Christmas season?

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)